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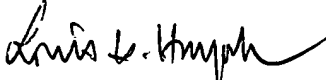
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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

**Reply Brief Noted**

1. The Reply Brief received on May 11, 2006 has been entered and considered.
2. In the Reply Brief, Appellant alleged that page 6 of the Examiner's Answer, mailed 03/06/2006, presented a new ground of rejection that were not presented in the Final rejection. This allegation is unfounded because page 6 of the Examiner's Answer contains a portion of the RESPONSE TO ARGUMENT, a portion of which explains how the "means plus function" recited in claims 1 and 2 were interpreted in accordance with 35 USC 112, 6<sup>th</sup> paragraph, and other portions which explain as to how the claimed limitations were read. There is no new ground of rejection in the Examiner's Answer.
3. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Appeals and Interferences.
4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Louis K. Huynh whose telephone number is 571-272-4462. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 8:00AM to 3:00PM.
5. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rinaldi I. Rada can be reached on 571-272-4467. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.
6. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>.

  
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